



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Atsushi MURASHIMA  
Title: SPEECH SIGNAL DECODING  
METHOD AND APPARATUS  
Appl. No.: 09/627,421  
Filing Date: 07/27/2000  
Examiner: A. Azad  
Art Unit: 2654

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1. Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
2. Amendment Transmittal
3. Postcard

Respectfully submitted,

  
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**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL**

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- [ ] Small Entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and § 1.27 has been established by a previous assertion of Small Entity status.
- [ ] Assertion of Small Entity status is enclosed.
- [ X ] The fee required for additional claims is calculated below:

	Claims As Amended	Previously Paid For	=	Extra Claims Present	x	\$50.00	=	Additional Claims Fee
Total Claims:	10	-	20	=	0	x	\$50.00	\$0.00
Independent Claims:	2	-	4	=	0	x	\$200.00	\$0.00
First presentation of any Multiple Dependent Claims:			+ \$360.00	= \$0.00				
				CLAIMS FEE TOTAL = \$0.00				



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[ ] Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for the total number of months checked below:

[ ] Extension for response filed within the first month:	\$120.00	\$0.00
[ ] Extension for response filed within the second month:	\$450.00	\$0.00
[ ] Extension for response filed within the third month:	\$1,020.00	\$0.00
[ ] Extension for response filed within the fourth month:	\$1,590.00	\$0.00
[ ] Extension for response filed within the fifth month:	\$2,160.00	\$0.00
EXTENSION FEE TOTAL:		\$0.00
[ ] Statutory Disclaimer Fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.20(d):	\$130.00	\$0.00
CLAIMS, EXTENSION AND DISCLAIMER FEE TOTAL:		\$0.00
[ ] Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract ½ of above):		\$0.00
TOTAL FEE:		\$0.00

[ ] Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0741 in the amount of \$0.00. A duplicate copy of this transmittal is enclosed.

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Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned attorney or agent at the address indicated below.

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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.111**

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Final Office Action dated September 21, 2004, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

Please amend the application as follows: